

Dated: September 16, 2004.

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Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7822-8]

Valley Chemical Superfund Site Notice of Proposed Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to enter into an Agreement that will settle a section 106(b) Petition that Hercules filed in 1997 pursuant to section 122 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9622(h)(1) concerning the Valley Chemical Superfund Site in Greenville, Washington County, Mississippi. In the Agreement, Hercules agrees to drop its section 106(b) Petition in exchange for addressing past costs at three other sites in Region 4. The sites are the Terry Creek Dredge Spoil Area/Hercules Outfall Superfund Site located in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia; the Hercules 009 Landfill Superfund Site located in Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia; and the T.H. Agriculture & Nutrition Company Superfund Site located in Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia. EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement until November 1, 2004. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. EPA, Region 4, (WMD-SEIMB), 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 562-8887, Batchelor.Paula@EPA.GOV.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor within 30 calendar days of the date of this publication.

Dated: September 20, 2004.

Rosalind Brown,

Chief, Superfund Enforcement & Information Management Branch, Waste Management Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Availability of Draft NPDES General Permits for Certain Publicly Owned Treatment Works and Other Treatment Works in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire and Indian Country Lands in the State of Massachusetts

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Draft NPDES General Permits MAG580000 and NHG580000.

SUMMARY: The Director of the Office of Ecosystem Protection, Environmental Protection Agency—Region 1, is today providing notice of availability for public comment the Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permits for certain Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs) and other treatment works treating domestic sewage in the States of Massachusetts and New Hampshire and Indian Country Lands located in the State of Massachusetts. These draft general permits establishes notification requirements, effluent limitations, standards, and prohibitions, for discharges to freshwaters and marine waters.

Coverage under these general permits will be available to facilities classified as minor facilities in Massachusetts or classified as major or minor facilities in New Hampshire. Owners and/or operators of POTWs and other treatment works treating domestic sewage, including those facilities currently authorized to discharge under individual NPDES permits, will be eligible to apply for coverage under the final general permit and will receive a written notification from EPA whether permit coverage and authorization to discharge under one of the general permits is approved. The eligibility requirements, including the requirement that the facility have a dilution factor equal to or greater than 50 in the receiving water, are discussed in detail in the fact sheet and general permits. These general permits do not cover new sources as defined under 40 CFR 122.2.

DATES: Comments must be received or postmarked by midnight on November 1, 2004. Interested persons may submit comments on the draft general permits as part of the administrative record to the EPA—Region 1 at the address given below. Within the comment period, interested persons may also request in writing a public hearing pursuant to 40

CFR 124.12 concerning the draft general permits. All public comments or requests for a public hearing must be submitted to the address below.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be hand delivered or mailed to: EPA—Region 1, Office of Ecosystem Protection (CPE), 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023 and also sent via e-mail to wandle.bill@epa.gov. No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted. The draft permits are based on an administrative record available for public review at EPA—Region 1, Office of Ecosystem Protection (CPE), 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023. Copies of information in the record are available upon request. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the draft permits may be obtained between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays from: William Wandle, Office of Ecosystem Protection, Environmental Protection Agency, 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CPE), Boston, MA 02114-2023, telephone: (617) 918-1605, e-mail: wandle.bill@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The draft general permit may be viewed over the Internet via the EPA—Region 1 Web site for dischargers in Massachusetts at <http://www.epa.gov/ne/npdes/mass.html> and for dischargers in New Hampshire at <http://www.epa.gov/ne/npdes/newhampshire.html>. The draft general permits include the freshwater and marine acute toxicity protocols, sludge guidance, standard permit conditions in Part II and the fact sheet which sets forth principal facts and the significant factual, legal, and policy questions considered in the development of the draft permits and provides the facilities eligible for permit coverage. To obtain a paper copy of the documents, please contact William Wandle using the contact information provided above. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying requests.

When the general permits are issued, the notice of final issuance will be published in the **Federal Register**. The general permits shall be effective on the date specified in the notice of final issuance of the general permits published in the **Federal Register** and will expire five years from the effective date.

Dated: August 23, 2004.

Robert W. Varney,

Regional Administrator, Region 1.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards: Presentation of Awards at the Water Environment Federation's Technical Exposition and Conference (WEFTEC), and Announcement of 2004 National Awards Winners

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency will recognize municipalities and industries for outstanding and innovative technological achievements in wastewater treatment and pollution abatement programs at the annual Clean Water Act Recognition Awards ceremony during the Water Environment Federation's Technical Exposition and Conference (WEFTEC) in New Orleans, Louisiana. An inscribed plaque will be presented to first and second place winners for

projects and programs in operations and maintenance at wastewater treatment plants, biosolids management, pretreatment, storm water management and combined sewer overflow controls. This action also announces the 2004 national awards winners.

DATES: Monday, October 4, 2004, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The national awards presentation ceremony will be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, 900 Convention Center Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria E. Campbell, Telephone: (202) 564-0628. Facsimile Number: (202) 501-2396. E-Mail: campbell.maria@epa.gov. Also visit the Office of Wastewater Management's webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/owm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Clean Water Act Recognition Awards are authorized by section 501(a) and (e) of the Clean Water Act, and 33 U.S.C. 1361(a) and (e). Applications and nominations for the national award must be recommended by EPA regions. State agencies can also provide recommendations to EPA regional offices. A regulation establishes a framework for the annual recognition awards program at 40 CFR part 105. EPA announced the availability of

application and nomination information for this year's awards (69 FR 13826, March 24, 2004). The awards program provides national recognition and encourages public support of programs aimed at protecting the public's health and safety and the nation's water quality. Programs and projects being recognized are in compliance with applicable water quality requirements and have a satisfactory record with respect to environmental quality. Municipalities and industries are recognized for their demonstrated achievements in five awards categories as follows:

- (1) Outstanding operations and maintenance practices at wastewater treatment facilities;
- (2) Exemplary biosolids management projects, technology/innovation or development activities, research and public acceptance efforts;
- (3) Outstanding municipal implementation and enforcement of local pretreatment programs;
- (4) Implementing outstanding, innovative, and cost-effective storm water control; and,
- (5) Outstanding combined sewer overflow control programs.

The winners of the EPA's 2004 National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards are listed below by category.

Sub-category	
Operations and Maintenance Awards Category	
First place:	
Dos Rios Water Reclamation Center, San Antonio Water Systems, San Antonio, Texas.	Large Advanced Plant.
City of Dunbar Sanitary Board, Dunbar, West Virginia	Medium Advanced Plant.
Florence Regional Sewage District, Florence, Indiana	Small Advanced Plant.
Oceanside Treatment Plant, Southwest Ocean, Outfall and Westside Wet Weather Facility, San Francisco, California.	Large Secondary Plant.
Central Davis Sewer District, Kaysville, Utah	Medium Secondary Plant.
Old Forge Sewer District, Old Forge, New York	Small Secondary Plant.
Second place:	
James C. Kirie Water Reclamation Plant, Des Plaines, Illinois	Large Advanced Plant.
Iowa Hill Water Reclamation Facility, Breckenridge Sanitation District, Breckenridge, Colorado.	Medium Advanced Plant.
Beaver Estates Water Pollution Control Plant, Douglasville-Douglas County Water & Sewer Authority, Douglasville, Georgia.	Small Advanced Plant.
Gautier Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, Pascagoula, Mississippi.	Medium Secondary Plant.
Henniker, New Hampshire Wastewater Treatment Facility, Henniker, New Hampshire.	Small Secondary Plant.
Biosolids Management Awards Category	
First place:	
Metro Denver—Metrogro Farm, Denver, Colorado	Large Operating Projects (tie).
Parker Ag Services-NYC Program, Lamar, Colorado	Large Operating Projects (tie).
Central Davis Sewer District, Kaysville, Utah	Small Operating Projects.
Dr. Sally Brown, College of Forest Research, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.	Research Activities.
City of Tacoma Wastewater Management, Tacoma, Washington	Technology/Innovation or Development Activities.
Second place:	
Clean Water Services of Washington County, Hillsboro, Oregon	Large Operating Projects.